of issuing official statements to ensure that it does not affect the investigation adversely.

PM's Announcement for scrapping of the illegal migrants Act, 1983

2637. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister announced the scrapping of Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 in Guwahati on 27th October, 1996;

(b) whether a month later he ruled out the repeal of the above Act; and

(c) the reasons for this reversal of policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) No, Sir. The Prime Minister only stated that steps will be taken to repeal the ineffective laws and to strengthen the legal and administrative measures for dealing with foreigners in consultation with these States.

(b) and (c) Does not arise, in view of answer to (a) above.

Nomination of Politicians to the Rajya Sabha

2638. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to nominate politicians to the Rajya Sabha;

(b) whether Article 80 of the Constitution provides for nomination to Rajya Sabha on the basis of expertise or excellence in the fields of literature, arts, science and social work; and

(c) if so, the reasons for nomination of politicians to the Rajya Sabha in violation of the letter and spirit of the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The nomination made to the Rajya Sabha conform to the Constitutional provisions in this respect. It is proposed to follow the same in future.

Strike by PCS Officers

2639. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "PCS Officers up in arms; thereafter indefinite stir" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated February 16, 1997; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, a delegation of PCS Officers Association submitted two memoranda to the State Chief Secretary, one on 14.1.1997 and the other on 21.2.1997. Among the main demands are (i) manning of 50% posts of Heads of Department and Corporations by PCS officers; (ii) earmarking of some posts of Secretaries and District Collectors for PCS officers; (iii) enhancement of posts in different pay scales; (iv) revision of pay scales of PCS as has been done in the case of UP Judicial Service.

The State Government has already constituted a Cadre Review Management Committee under the Chairmanship of Agriculture Production Commissioner, U.P. to consider the demands of PCS officers. The State Government has not received any information regarding indefinite strike by the PCS Officers.

Missing undertrial's paper

2640. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards news reports

wherein Orissa High Court has asked for missing undertrial's paper;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the guilty officials reponsible for such serious lapses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Power to arrest under the foreigners act

2641. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power of arrest can be given to the State Government's under the Foreigners Act by amending the said Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Implementation of the provisions of the Foreigners Act, 1946 is done by the State Governments and the powers of the Central Government under clauses (a) to (e) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Foreigners Act, 1946 have been entrusted to them with their consent under article 258 of the Constitution of India. Offences under the Foreigners Act are congnizable and if any person contravenes any provisions of the Act or of any order made thereunder or any direction given in pursuance of the Act or such order, any police officer may arrest him without any order from a Magistrate and without a warrant, under section 41 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension for Freedom Fighters

2642. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering extension of time beyond July 31st, 1981 to enable the remaining freedom fighters (Swatantrata Sainiks) to avail Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension in their old age;

(b) whether Government propose to approve the major events of the freedom struggles of Madhya Pradesh in the approved list of freedom struggle movement in the country;

(c) whether Government have approved any list of freedom fighters of Madhya Pradesh who are eligible for this pension benefit; and

(d) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) There is now no last date as such fixed for submission of applications for the grant of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension. One can apply any time.

(b) No proposal to recognise any event relating to Madhya Pradesh for the purpose of grant of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension is presently under consideration of the Central Government.

(c) and (d) The Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension has been granted to 3343 persons in Madhya Pradesh. District-wise details are not available.

Robberies in running trains

2643. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of hold-ups and robberies in running trains in each of the five years since 1991-92;

(b) the factors frustrating official efforts to bring down the number of such incidents; and

(c) the total quantum of compensation paid out to rail passengers who have been victims of such attacks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.